**MVCA meeting 31st March 2014 - Annual General Meeting**

Attendees: 48 attendees in total with 12 businesses and 36 residents

Apologies: 16 people apologised in total with 11 businesses and 5 residents

**MVCA roles and AGM elections**

* Three main committee roles – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
* Maxine Coyle had indicated that she will be stepping down from the role of Secretary
* Emma Gill was nominated and seconded at the February meeting and a unanimous vote confirmed that she will be the new MVCA Secretary after the Summer Festival
* We would like to put on record publicly our appreciation of all the hard work that Maxine has put in over the years and to thank her for her support and commitment

**Finance**

* A healthy position currently – slides were shown of our spending on local causes to enhance the lives of residents, as well as details of donations received by local businesses and enterprises

**Environment Committee**

* Gardening, championed by volunteer, Florence McCarthy’s tireless enthusiasm has meant that the greens and roundabouts have always been kept neat and tidy for over the last 10 years. Thank you, Florence for all your back breaking work
* Please contact her at florence\_mccarthy@hotmail.com if you wish to help out – all new and old volunteers are welcome, even if it is just for a few hours, here and there
* We need help to adopt, maintain and improve the beds
* We are looking to put up hanging baskets again this year – again please contact Florence if you could spare an hour or so a week to water the baskets
* We are currently looking at costings for the hanging baskets

**Membership Committee**

* Andrew Broadhead has resigned, due to both work and family commitments, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work in the past to get the database updated, and a workable plan for renewals, which will be carried on by Stef Lorenz as the head of Membership, assisted by Maxine Coyle as membership secretary.
* Renewals for membership will be coming out shortly – please do consider joining MVCA. The greater the number, the louder our voice!
* Currently MVCA has 55 residential members and 30 business members
* Renewals (£6.00 per annum) will run from April 1st every year, in line with the timing of the AGM.
* Pro-rata price for people who join throughout the year
* Watch out for more information coming soon

**Marketing; PR and Communications**

* This is now a joint committee
* Looking at maximising publicity through a number of channels (Best of Salford/On Our Doorstep/Salford Advertiser/Notice Board
* Sales of tote bags and tea towels – if you are interested in buying both/either, please contact Jan Phelan at phelan.family@tesco.net
* New offers and discounts from the local shops will be posted on the website and on the notice board, when available

**Website**

* MVCA is in great need of a keen volunteer with experience to update, revamp and maintain the MVCA website. At the present moment, this is done by Maxine Coyle.
* Jen from Desi Sisters has volunteered – many thanks
* Mark Rooney will also continue to be on the team – thank you
* If anyone is interested in helping Jen and Mark, please contact the Chair at liz@montonmarketing.co.uk as soon as possible

**Festival**

* The Summer Festival is on Saturday 5th July – please save the date!
* The aims of the Festival are threefold :-

a great day out for local people

bring in additional footfall to the local shops

raise much needed funds for local activities and amenities

* 56 confirmed stalls so far
* Next Festival Meeting will be on May 13th at 6.30 – venue TBC
* If you wish to volunteer to help on the day, even if just for a couple of hours, please contact Jane at jane.woodall@virgin.net

**Recognition**

* A new annual feature to recognise achievement and thank local people for their commitment, time and hard work for the community
* Lifetime supporter of MVCA – Rick McGarry
* Best Gardener – Florence McCarthy
* Best Supporter – Cllr Peter Wheeler
* Best New Member – Tracey Annette
* Best Business Supporter – Paula Gibson, owner of Celebrations & Cake Creations
* MVCA Best Member – Jan Phelan
* A big thank you goes out to all the above, as well as everybody who supports MVCA, in any shape or form.

**What has MVCA been involved in 2013 – 14**

* Environment – heritage bins / refuse / tree bases / street cleaning / bin emptying / gardening / tipping / traffic
* Car Park – action and appeal to SCC has led to a further review (due by end of June)
* City West Housing – pursuing complaints from residents. The new coordinator, Jo Salim to work closely with Derek Hodgkinson and Maxine Coyle to get some resolution of the ese issues.
* Events – Summer Festival and Christmas Lights
* Website – new front end website I to Monton to come into existence in 2014
* Planning Applications – MVCA updates residents regularly and advises on how to object.
* Scoop the Poop – a campaign against dog fouling, with the help of Monton Green pupils

**AOB**

* MVCA has been asked by McCarthy and Stone to consider if it would be fitting and appropriate to name the new over 50s residential development on Monton Road “Wendover Court”. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Generally seen as a nice tribute to a well-known and well-loved local landmark. Liz Harris to advise McC & S

**NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday, April 30th at Fellicinis. Monton Road**

Please note that, following discussions with the Chair, the Committee and local traders, the MVCA monthly meetings will now be on the final Wednesday of every month.

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